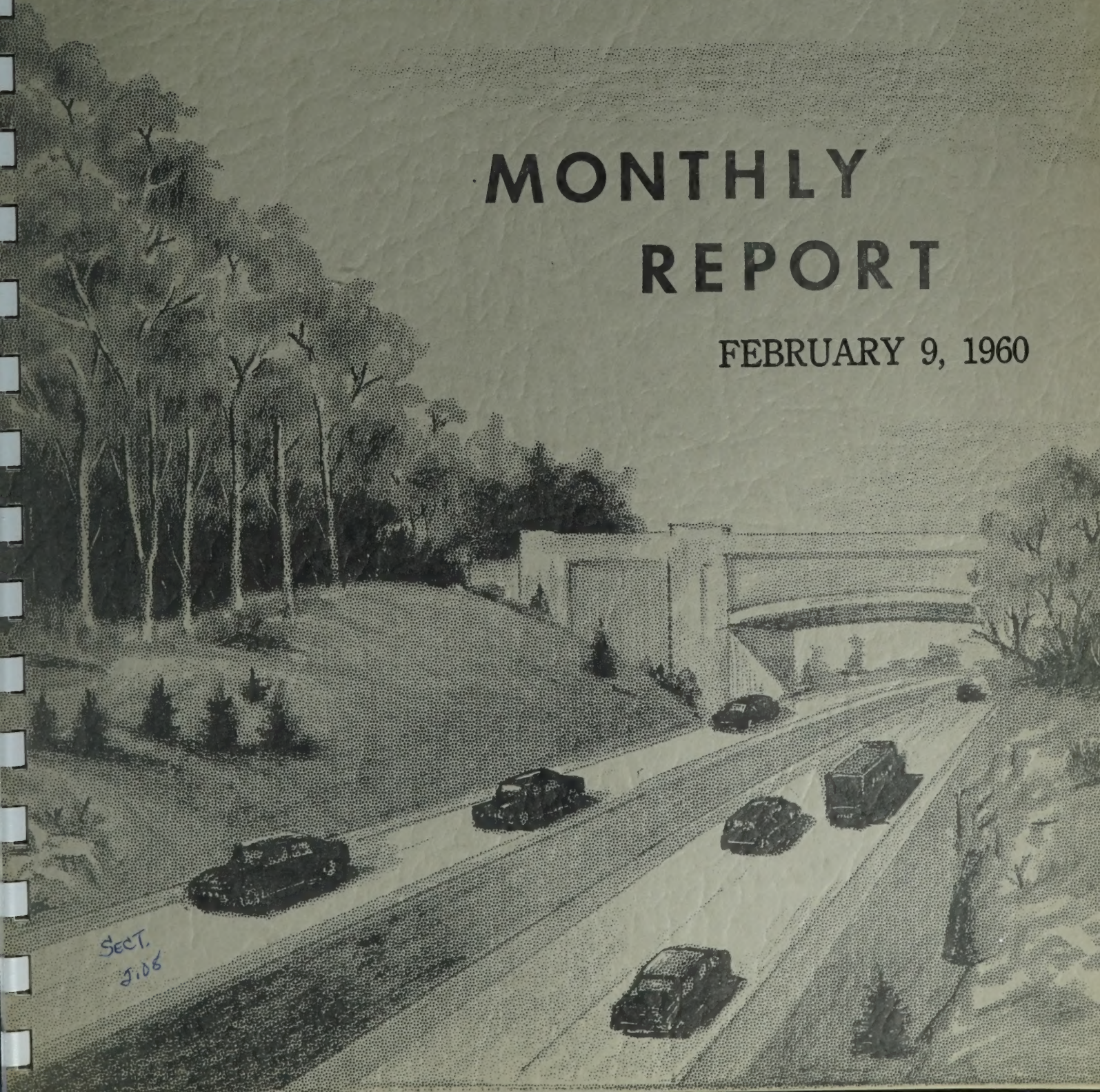


STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

FEBRUARY 9, 1960



SERVICE AWARDS

In recognition of their many years of State service, the Commissioner personally presented awards to 34 of the Department's employees. Another 11 long-term employees were unable to attend the informal ceremony which took place February 3.

Of the total number scheduled to receive awards, eighteen were Department workers with 40 years of State service and the other twenty-seven each had accrued 35 years of service.

A complete list of the employees who received recognition in the form of service emblems and certificates is included in this report.

TRAVEL INFORMATION REPORT

For the past four years the New Jersey State Highway Department has published a monthly Travel Information Report, in map form, showing the location of all construction projects on the State Highway System.

A review of these maps shows no instance where it would have been advantageous for a motorist to avoid a particular route because of construction operations. This is because rigidly enforced specifications provide for the maintenance of traffic through construction projects with little or no inconvenience to motorists.

TRAVEL INFORMATION REPORT, contd.

It also has been found that only two short detours have been employed by the State Highway Department since the Travel Information Map was first published in 1956.

Because we do not believe the cost of printing and distributing this map can be justified in view of the above, it has been discontinued with the February, 1960, issue. In the event circumstances should develop which might indicate the need for this type of information, it will be made available to all now receiving the Travel Information Map.

Letters of notification were sent out to this effect last week. As yet there have been no expressions that would indicate our decision was contrary to any public need.

TELEPHONE TECHNIQUES

In order to assure that our secretarial and other personnel would have the opportunity of keeping up-to-date on modern techniques in telephone usage, the Department last month availed itself of the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company's refresher course in telephone use.

TELEPHONE TECHNIQUES, contd.

The refresher consisted of a film graphically presenting correct and incorrect usages in answering and routing telephone calls that was followed by a lecture on the same subject by a telephone company representative.

Approximately 175 employees of our main office building, the Testing Laboratory and Fernwood area attended.

PULASKI SKYWAY

A contract for painting the remaining 1.2 miles of the Pulaski Skyway has been advertised for bids. The work will complete the overall skyway painting project begun last year when three-fourths of 3.5 mile long high level structure was painted at a cost of \$488,000.

The section of the skyway to be painted under the forthcoming contract extends from a point half way between the Passaic and Hackensack River bridges to the southern end of the structure. Completion of the project will mark the first overall paint job on the structure in ten years, the work having been deferred from year to year in order that the limited funds available for this project could be employed on projects of higher priority.

COORDINATED SIGNAL SYSTEMS

The Department will shortly receive bids on a contract that will result in installing two new coordinated traffic signal systems similar to that recently installed on Route 1, north of Trenton.

The new installations will be integrated with current construction of jughandles and other modern improvements now underway on approximately 13 miles of Routes 38 and U.S. 130 in Burlington and Camden Counties.

The signal system proposed for Route 130 will be in conjunction with the twenty-five new jughandles now being built in the eight mile stretch, between Levittown and Cinnaminson Township. Pedestrian actuated buttons will also be a part of several of these new installations.

The signal installations planned for Route 38 will extend over a distance of five miles where the Department currently has a \$1.6 million dualization contract under way which also includes the construction of several jughandles..

The purpose of the coordinated system is to permit motorists maintaining a steady driving speed within legal speed limits to pass through the entire system without being stopped to wait a signal change.

COORDINATED SIGNAL SYSTEMS, contd.

This in turn increases the highway safety by providing a reduction in the number of standing stops on main traveled lanes.

CONSTRUCTION SUMMARY

As of February 1, the Department has had forty major road construction projects with a total value of \$66.5 million underway and despite normal winter weather our contractors have been able to maintain many projects without completely shutting them down.

This was especially gratifying in relation to our center barrier construction on Route 46 in Leonia-Fort Lee area. As this project is devoted to our new and higher concrete barrier we are most anxious that its completion be attained at the earliest possible date. (A photograph of the completed section of this barrier is included in this report).

We are now able to look forward to continuous prosecution of our Route 1-18 interchange construction at New Brunswick as the result of key steel deliveries made this month to the project. The job had been virtually shut down due to a lack of steel members that were to be part of the main overpass bridge. Delays in the completion of the bridge had been hindering other roadbuilding operations.

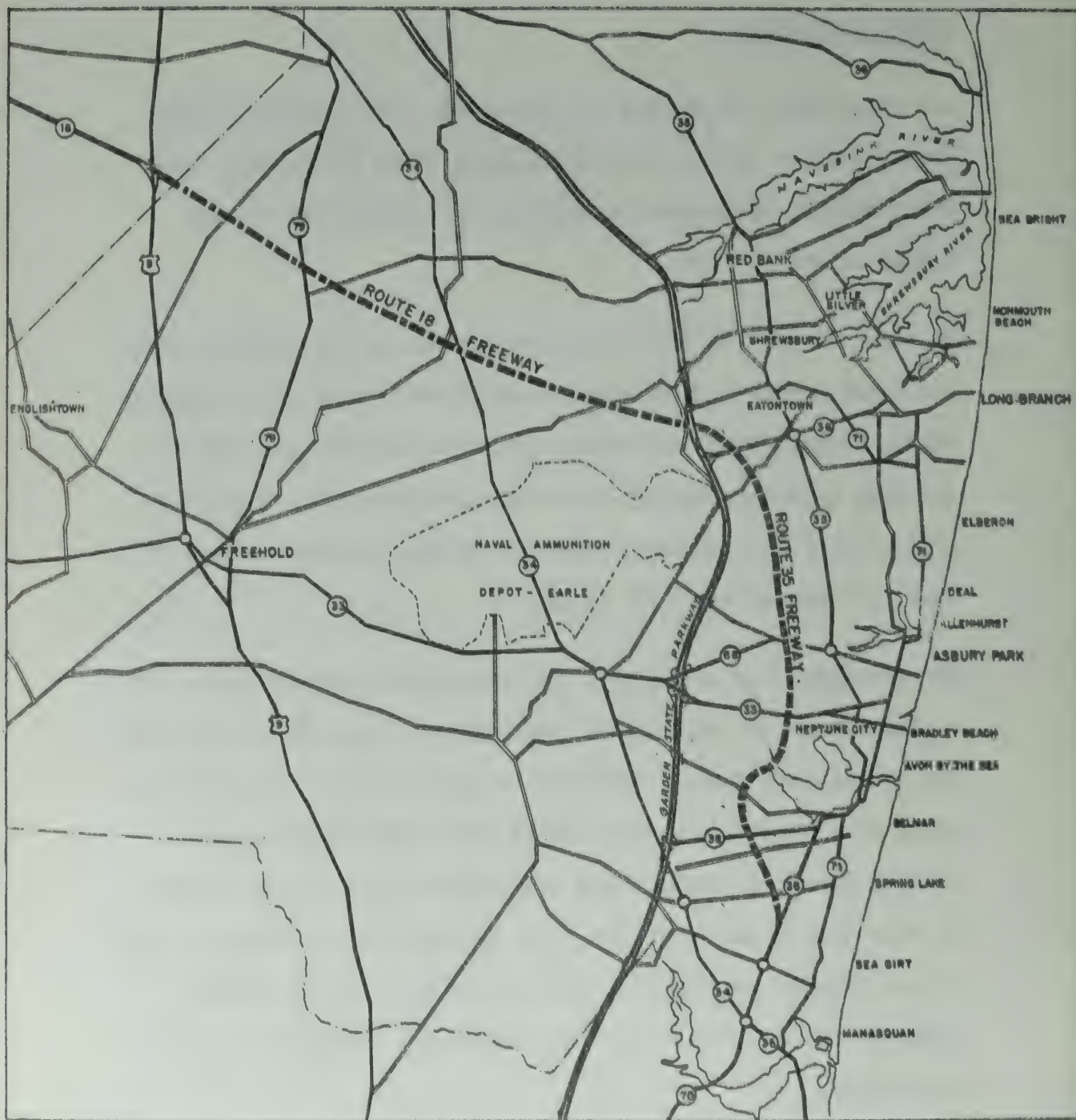
ROUTE 35 WIDENING

The Department, on January 27, concluded a three months' delay in prosecution of our widening of Route 35 in Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, by announcing award of the contract to the low bidder on the project.

It will be recalled that the award was held off in order to permit the local people to place their case before the Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Their objections were based on the erroneous presumption that the widening was being proposed mainly to handle traffic they felt would be generated by the proposed section of Route 35 Freeway now under study.

The decision to go ahead with the widening was received with only a slight trace of the original opposition. This may be accounted for in the fact that we were able to announce our decision to go ahead with the project concurrently with announcing that the Federal Bureau of Public Roads had completed its review and had no objection to our proposal. This announcement was made in combination with our assurance that the proposed Route 35 Freeway planning did not include any connection with existing Route 35 in Shrewsbury.

In lieu of such a connection, which was part of our earlier study, it is planned to terminate the Route 35 Freeway at a connection



ROUTE 35 WIDENING, contd.

with the proposed Route 18 Freeway and thus better serve north and southbound traffic destined for points below Shrewsbury by providing them with connections to Routes 34, 79 and U. S. 9.

(A sketch illustrating this proposal is shown opposite).

Although withholding the award of contract did accommodate the municipality by permitting them to have a full Federal review of our proposals, the action will result in extension of the project's completion date from August 1 of next year to early October instead.

CHEMICAL WEED SPRAY

Within the next few weeks the Department will receive bids on contracts for spraying weed control chemicals on grassy areas along approximately 900 miles of the State Highway System this spring and summer. Two contracts will be involved, one for the northern half of the State and the other for the southern portion.

Last year's experience with the chemical method of controlling weeds was very satisfactory and encouraging. The treatments which were applied between April and September not only cut mowing time and costs, but provided a more attractive roadside appearance to the public.

On the basis of this experience the total mileage to be covered in this year's contracts is about double the scope of our 1959 weed control program.

MEETINGS

In addition to the routine staff and other meetings, the following are a few of the conferences and meetings held during the month:

Jan. 13 - Reviewed our general Interstate Route 78 (old Route 22) planning in Hillside, Union and Newark with certain officials. Maps and models were utilized to assure a better understanding of our plans. A nearby meeting is to be held with the mayors involved and after that a public hearing will be scheduled.

Jan. 14 - Railroad Transportation staff meeting.

Jan. 15 - Met with the receiver of the Hudson & Manhattan Railroad and members of his staff to review their financial situation and future plans.

Jan. 18 - Visited by Assemblyman Robert E. Frederick, of Warren County, on matters concerning his area.

Senator Sandman and two marina owners met with us to discuss matters relating to marine development along the Cape May Canal.

Met with labor representatives re South Jersey Port Commission situation to forestall strike attempt. This in collaboration with the Labor and Industry Department.

MEETINGS, contd.

Jan. 20 - Meeting in Bergen County with the Bergen Development Association, which includes in its membership Publisher Donald G. Borg, Bergen Evening Record, and various municipal officials of the county for a discussion of future development possibility and traffic handling problems in Bergen County.

Jan. 21 - Visited by representative of Mayor Gray (Shrewsbury, Monmouth County) re traffic and parking problems in connection with our Route 35 widening in that borough.

Meeting of the Railroad Transportation Division.

Jan. 22 - Met with Mr. Bailey and associates of the Penn-Jersey study (Philadelphia area) concerning their program.

Met with Senator Stout and Monmouth County Planning Board Chairman E. Donald Sterner, concerning highway aspects of the board.

Jan. 25 - Meeting with representatives of the accounting firm, Peat, Marwick & Mitchell, for review of our accounting practices and analysis of reports rendered by them as the result of their study of the Department's accounting procedures.

MEETINGS, contd.

- Jan. 25 - Visited by Senator Weber, of Cumberland County, on matters concerning his area.
- Jan. 26 - Representatives of the Borough of Seaside Park (Ocean County) met with us to discuss possible widening of the Boulevard in Seaside Park.
- Jan. 27 - Attended transit meeting in Philadelphia with representatives of the Jersey Central and Pennsylvania Railroads.
- Jan. 28 - Personnel committee meeting at State House.
- Feb. 1 - Devoted most of the day to activities relating to visit by Russian governors.
- Feb. 2 - Railroad Transportation Division meeting.
- Feb. 3 - Presented service awards to 45 department employees.
- Feb. 4 - Met with Mrs. Katharine E. White and associates of the N.J. Highway Authority re new Parkway administration building.
- Visited by Senator Stout (Monmouth) and Mayor Robertson of Spring Lakes Heights.
- Attended meeting of various railroad officials in New York.
- Feb. 8 - Attended State Freeholders Association dinner.

CONSTRUCTION BIDS RECEIVED

Jan. 13 - Route 73 - Widening and Dualization Pennsauken and Maple Shade Townships Burlington and Camden Counties <u>*Gaskill Construction Co., Riverside</u>	\$1,299,125.74
Jan. 13 - Old Hook Road Valley Avenue to Jefferson Avenue Westwood, Bergen County <u>*Giovanni Asphalt Corp., Hackensack</u>	24,014.24
Jan. 20 - Route 82 - Lehigh Valley RR Bridge and Pavement Reconstruction Union Township, Union County <u>*Peter W. Kero, Inc., Carlstadt</u>	339,441.75
Jan. 20 - Shark River Bridge on Route 35 Belmar, Monmouth County <u>*Brann & Stuart Co., Trenton</u>	84,409.05
Jan. 20 - Route U.S. 130 - Route 73 Townships of Pennsauken and Cinnaminson Camden and Burlington Counties <u>*Geo. M. Brewster & Son, Bogota</u>	2,058,628.41
Feb. 3 - Route 7 - Reconstruction and repair of fenders at Wittpenn Bridge and Belleville Bridge; Bergen, Hudson and Essex Counties <u>*Spearin, Preston and Burrows, New York City</u>	43,295.60
<u>Total Construction Bids Received</u>	<u>\$3,848,914.79</u>

*Indicates low bidder

CONTRACTS AWARDED

Jan. 13 - Route 295 - Grading, Paving and Bridges Townships of Deptford and W. Deptford, Westville, Gloucester County. <u>Public Constructors, Inc., Blackwood</u>	\$3,116,053.75
Jan. 25 - Route 73 - Widening and Dualization Burlington and Camden Counties <u>Gaskill Construction Co., Riverside</u>	1,299,125.74
Jan. 25 - Shark River Bridge Extension on Route 35 Belmar, Monmouth County <u>Brann & Stuart Co., Trenton</u>	84,409.05
Jan. 27 - Route 35 Eatontown, New Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury, Little Silver and Red Bank Monmouth County. <u>Michael J. Stavola, Inc., Red Bank</u>	457,829.90
Jan. 28 - Old Hook Road Valley Avenue to Jefferson Avenue Westwood, Bergen County <u>Giovanni Asphalt Corp., Hackensack</u>	24,014.24
Jan. 28 - Route U.S. 130 - Route 73 Townships of Pennsauken and Cinnaminson Camden and Burlington Counties <u>Geo. M. Brewster & Son, Bogota</u>	2,058,628.41
Feb. 6 - Route 7 - Reconstruction and Repair of Fenders at Wittpenn Bridge and Belleville Bridge; Essex, Bergen and Hudson Counties. <u>Spearin, Preston & Burrows, New York City</u>	<u>43,295.60</u>
<u>Total Contracts Awarded</u>	\$ 7,083,356.69

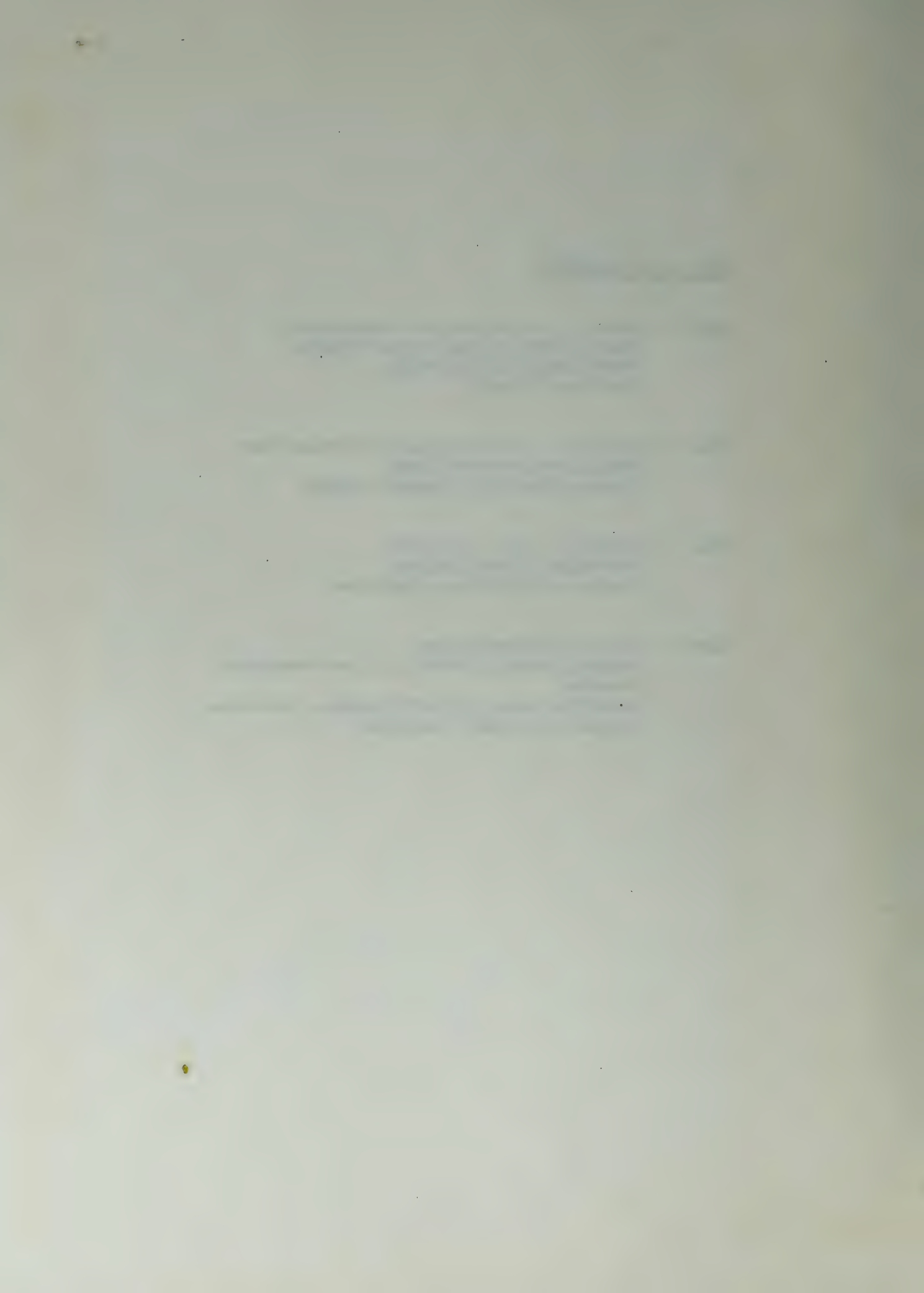
BIDS TO BE RECEIVED

Feb. 10 - Route 35 - Widening and Resurfacing
Smith Street to New Jersey Turnpike
Perth Amboy and Woodbridge
Middlesex County

Feb. 10 - Route 35 - Reconstruction of Bridge Deck
Bridge over Matawan Creek
Matawan Township, Monmouth County

Feb. 17 - Route U.S. 130 - Route 38
Electrical Installations
Camden and Burlington Counties

March 2 - Route 208 interchanges
Summit, Russell, Cedar Hill and Grandview
Avenues
Franklin Lakes, Wyckoff Township, Hawthorne
Bergen and Passaic Counties





New 32" high solid concrete center barrier being installed on Route 46 in Leonia and Fort Lee.

SAFETY DEVICES, HWY.
CENTER BARRIER - CONCRETE
RT. 46-LEONIA (New Type)

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Rt. 73 - Modernization-Bids
Burlington and Camden
Counties

Trenton, January 13 - The New Jersey State Highway Department accepted 13 bids today for modernization of 3.2 miles of Rt. 73 in Burlington and Camden Counties.

Low bidder was the Gaskill Construction Company of Riverside with a price of \$1,299,125.74.

State and Federal engineers will review all bids before award of contract is made.

Plans include dualization of the entire route, additional storm drainage, and construction of 10 jughandle turnaround facilities and intersection improvements between the South Branch of Pennsauken Creek in Pennsauken Township and the double traffic circle at Route 38 in Maple Shade Township.

From the Pennsauken Creek branch to the Pennsauken-Maple Shade Township line, about half a mile, the existing road will be widened to provide four traffic lanes with ten foot, hard-surfaced shoulders along the outside edges. The road will be divided by a 20 inch high concrete center barrier, of the type so successful on other State highways in eliminating head-on collisions. There will be four foot shoulders on either side of the barrier.

Continuing for over a mile to Park Avenue, a 28 foot grass center island will divide dual roadways each 25 feet wide with similar shoulders. Then for another 3,300 feet the barrier curb will again divide the roadways which in this location will be flanked by concrete curbs instead of shoulders. The grass island will return to form the highway's center for the remaining mile of the project.

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Rt. 73-Modernization-Bids
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Jughandles will be constructed in pairs at the following locations:

Forked Landing Road; High Street; Woodlawn-Stiles Avenue, where the existing streets will be used in jughandle construction; Maple Avenue, where the turnarounds will be reverse jughandles; and at Fellowship Road.

Throughout the length of the project the existing concrete pavement will remain as a base, while widened portions will be constructed on a new six inch stone and bituminous base course. The entire highway will be surfaced with three inches of bituminous concrete.

All jughandles and ramps will be surfaced with bituminous concrete.

Costs of the work will be shared by the State Highway Department and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads on a 50-50 basis.

There will be a minimum of interruption to traffic during construction operations. During working hours at least $2/3$ of the existing pavement will remain open with reduction in width only adjacent to actual working areas. All intersecting streets will remain open. The entire project is to be completed in 170 working days.

Other contractors bidding on the project were:

Glasgow Inc., Glenside, Pa., \$1,323,666.83; Union Paving Co., Wynnewood, Pa., \$1,326,880.32; Public Constructors, Inc., Blackwood, \$1,371,831.37; Kingston Bituminous Products Co., Kingston, \$1,409,002.85; F. A. Caruso & Son, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., \$1,414,289.29; L. Zimmerman & Sons, Inc., Hillside, \$1,421,940.36; Franklin Contracting Co., Little Falls, \$1,425,462.71; Peter W. Kero Inc., Carlstadt, \$1,440,453.73; Rancheri Const. Co., Inc.,

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Hammonton, \$1,442,340.23; James D. Morrissey, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.,
\$1,468,595.37; S. J. Groves & Sons Co., Woodbridge, \$1,542,096.81; Hess
Brothers, Parlin, \$1,587,759.71.

The bid of the Alexander Construction Company of Chester, Pa., was
rejected because the firm failed to meet the qualification requirements of
the New Jersey State Highway Department.

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FOR RELEASE THURSDAY
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U.S. 22 - Liberty Ave.
Public Hearing
Union County

Trenton, January 14 - The New Jersey State Highway Department will hold a public hearing February 3 on widening U.S. 22 in the vicinity of Liberty Avenue in Hillside, Union County.

The hearing will be held in the Municipal Hall, corner of Liberty and Hillside Avenues, Hillside, at 10 a.m.

Highway Department engineers will present proposals for widening the highway for over half a mile between Bloy Avenue and a point 200 feet east of the Liberty Avenue viaduct.

Each of the existing roadways is 29 feet wide adjacent to the viaduct, providing motorists with six narrow lanes. But on the viaduct itself roadway width narrows to 25 feet, room for only two lanes in each direction.

Widening on the viaduct will be accomplished by adding 28 feet of pavement on the north side of the road on new steel structure. Relocating the center barrier will then result in one 12 and two 13 foot lanes for each direction of traffic.

The road on each side of the viaduct will be improved in the same manner, except that beginning at a point about 200 feet west of the viaduct and continuing westerly to Bloy Avenue, the pavement will taper gradually. At Bloy Avenue this tapering will match existing road width.

According to a highway Department spokesman, the purpose of the construction is to provide a "creeper lane" for slow moving vehicles traveling up the grade toward the viaduct, and to eliminate the squeezing of six traffic lanes to four on the viaduct itself.

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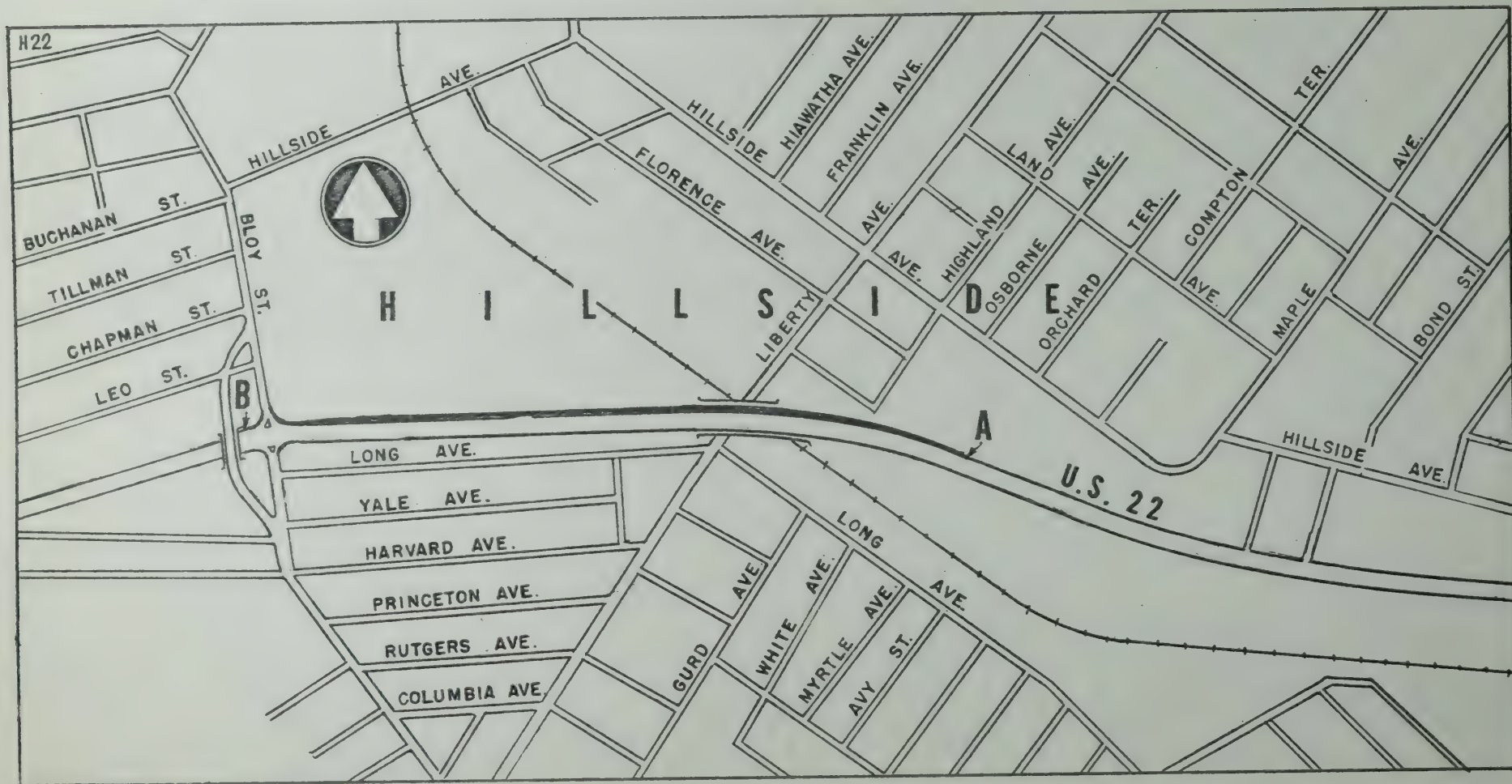
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U.S. 22 - Liberty Ave.
Public Hearing
Union County

Public Hearings are held by the Highway Department in order to provide affected property owners and other interested parties opportunity to become familiar with the proposed construction, and to offer suggestions.

All costs of this Highway Department project will be shared equally by State and Federal Governments.

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ROUTES 130-73 Interchange- BIDS
Camden and Burlington Counties.

Trenton, Jan. 20 - George M. Brewster & Son, of Bogota, with a price of \$2,058,628.41 submitted the lowest of 10 sealed, competitive bids to the New Jersey State Highway Department today for construction of a modern interchange of Routes 130-73, and Haddonfield Road in Cinnaminson Township, Burlington County, and Pennsauken Township, Camden County.

All today's bids will be reviewed by State and Federal engineers before award of contract is made.

The proposed interchange will resemble a giant three leaf clover with a fourth leaf several hundred feet south to provide access for Haddonfield Road drivers with the other highways.

Besides providing for all conventional movements between the three highways, the interchange will also permit a motorist on northbound Haddonfield Road to enter either northbound 130 or 73 without negotiating any sharp curves, stop signs, or cross traffic.

The new interchange will also eliminate many narrow ramps and left turns across traffic which make the existing intersection both congested and out-dated. A free flow of traffic is expected as the result of the construction, together with reduction of hazards.

Three new bridges will be a major part of the work. One will carry westbound 73 traffic over 130, while the existing bridge at that location will be extended to carry 73 eastbound over dualized 130 underneath. Another bridge will carry the dualized portion of 130 over Pennsauken Creek. The third will carry a long ramp, leading from Haddonfield Road to Trenton-bound U.S. 130, over Route 73 south of the interchange. This ramp will form part of the fourth leaf of the clover.

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ROUTES 130-73 Interchange - BIDS
Camden and Burlington Counties.

All ramps will be constructed with three inches of bituminous concrete over a six inch stone base course.

In addition to the interchange itself, U.S. 130 and 73 will be widened to six lanes in the interchange area with the dual roadways divided by a concrete center barrier.

Earlier this year Hilton Road, adjacent to the interchange, was reconstructed to facilitate movement through the area while the interchange is being built.

Just south of the interchange Route 73 will be dualized as part of another project expected to get underway in the near future. Improvement of U.S. 130 in the Burlington County area has been underway for sometime.

All costs of the new interchange will be split by the State and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads.

All traffic which enters the construction area will be moved freely on either existing, new, or temporary roadways with a minimum of interruption. Special provisions will be made for Sunday traffic returning from the shore this summer. Businesses and other properties will be accessible at all times.

Suitable warning signs, flares, and barricades will apprise motorists of the construction area and uniformed traffic directors will be employed as needed.

The entire project is to be completed in 250 working days, with the bridge work to be completed in 200 working days.

Other bidders included: Brann & Stuart Co., Trenton, \$2,143,740.72; Gaskill Constn. Co., Riverside, \$2,144,768.92; Glasgow, Inc., Glenside, Pa., \$2,207,104.37; Peter W. Kero, Inc., Carlstadt, \$2,277,623.17; S.J. Groves & Sons, Woodbridge, \$2,313,502.01; F. A. Canuso & Sons, Philadelphia, \$2,355,386.60; Ole Hansen & Sons, Pleasantville, \$2,413,672.81; Conduit & Foundation Corp., Philadelphia, \$2,493,447.89; Kaufman Constn. Co., Philadelphia, \$2,607,040.19.

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ROUTE 82 - Lehigh Valley RR Bridge
BIDS - Union County

Trenton, Jan. 20 - Peter W. Kero, Inc., of Carlstadt, with an offer of \$339,441.75 submitted the lowest of 10 competitive bids to the New Jersey State Highway Department today for a new Lehigh Valley Railroad Bridge and widening Route 82 (Morris Avenue) in Union Township, Union County.

All bids will be reviewed by State and Federal engineers before the contract is awarded.

The existing short-span structure provides room for only two lanes of traffic, creating a bottleneck on four lane Morris Avenue. This old structure will be removed under the contract. A temporary span will carry rail traffic during demolition of the old and construction of the new bridges.

Highway Department plans call for the new bridge to be 80 feet long from pier to pier, providing room for eight foot wide shoulders and four highway traffic lanes each ten feet wide. Existing sidewalks will be carried under the bridge.

Also as a part of the contract the existing Route 82 pavement will be replaced with nine inches of reinforced concrete for about 800 feet adjacent to the new bridge. In addition, shoulders and storm drainage will be improved for over 1,300 feet from Green Lane northerly to a branch of the Elizabeth River. The width of the new pavement will correspond with lane and shoulder widths at the bridge.

Costs will be shared by the State Highway Department and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads on a 50-50 basis.

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1960ROUTE 82- Lehigh Valley RR Bridge
BIDS - Union County.

During construction operations, traffic on Morris Avenue will move through the work area with a minimum of interruption. At least two lanes will remain open to traffic at all times and uniformed traffic directors will be employed when it becomes necessary to divert traffic from one lane to another.

The entire project is to be completed in 220 working days.

Other bidders included: Baylor Constn. Corp., New York, \$359,732.05; Mal Bros Contracting Co., W. Caldwell, \$368,986.07; Ell-Dorer Contracting Co., Irvington, \$379,993.90; C.F. Malanka & Sons, Union City, \$389,232.35; Franklin Contracting Co., Little Falls, \$411,412.30; J.F. Chapman & Son, Hillside, \$431,403.00; Mohawk Constructors, Inc., Linden, \$458,774.85; United Foundation Corp., Union, \$471,888.38; Scaletti-Knowles, Inc., Pompton Lakes, \$484,918.20.

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Rt. 35 - Shark River Bridge
Bids - Monmouth County

Trenton, January 20 - A bid of \$84,402.05 submitted by Brann and Stuart Co., of Trenton was the lowest of seven received today by the New Jersey State Highway Department on repairs to the Rt. 35 Shark River Bridge in Belmar, Monmouth County.

All bids will be reviewed by State Highway Department engineers before the contract is awarded.

According to a Highway Department spokesman, at the southern end of the structure the earth fill beneath the bridge approaches has shifted slightly causing damage to the southermost concrete bridge pier.

Highway Department plans call for removing this fill and replacing it with a new 60 foot span resting on prestressed concrete piers and steel sheet pilings. A highway Department spokesman said removal of the fill will relieve pressure on the damaged pier.

The project will also include incidental improvement of the bridge sidewalks and railings.

The entire project will be financed by state funds.

During the construction operations, the Shark River Bridge will be closed to traffic. Southbound Rt. 35 traffic will be diverted to Route 71 via Sylvania Avenue, and down Rt. 71 to Seventh Street to be followed back to Rt. 35. Northbound traffic on Rt. 35 will take Seventh Street to Rt. 71, north on Rt. 71 to Rt. 33 and west on 33 to Rt. 35.

Because of the heavy summer traffic on Rt. 35, the contract stipulates that the entire project shall be completed and the bridge opened to traffic by May 30, 1960

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Rt. 35 - Shark River Bridge
Bids - Monmouth County

Other bidders included: S. T. G. Construction Company, New York, New York, \$122,399.25; Schiavone Construction Company, Secaucus, \$126,300.25; Ole Hansen & Sons, Inc., Pleasantville, \$138,166.75; J. F. Chapman & Sons, Inc., Hillside, \$142,363.00; Ell-Dorer Construction Company, Irvington, \$147,279.20.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ROUTE 35 - SHREWSBURY

Trenton, Jan. 27 - State Highway Commissioner Dwight R. G. Palmer announced receipt of a telegram from Ellis L. Armstrong, Commissioner of Public Roads in Washington in which he stated, "Re your letter January 8, 1960 concerning Shrewsbury project and our various discussions concerning this problem, we have now completed a thorough review and considered all aspects involved. As a result of this study we have concluded we can have no objection to your proposal."

The Bureau's message, according to Commissioner Palmer, enables the Department to proceed with this Route 35 improvement which is well within the property lines of existing right of way of the Department. Accordingly, the Department today made formal contract award for the construction to Michael J. Stavola, Inc., of Red Bank, the low bidder.

Department engineers envision that this improvement will provide for a safer flow of traffic rather than a greater volume. Present traffic on this section of highway amounts to 16,000 vehicles per day - day in and day out. Peak periods reach some 20,000 vehicles per day. It is planned to permit parking on Route 35 except during periods of peak traffic.

To provide for all through traffic an engineering firm of national repute has been retained to study the extension of Route 18 from the proposed Route 35 Freeway to Route 9.

The Route 35 Freeway will begin in Wall Township at present Route 35 and extend northward parallel to Route 35 to the Garden State Parkway spur at Eatontown. From there it is proposed to extend northwesterly, crossing and connecting with the Garden State Parkway, Route 34, Route 79 and U. S. 9 to join with Route 18.

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ROUTE 35 - Shrewsbury.

It was explained that this Freeway will intercept northbound through traffic before it reaches Shrewsbury and carry it westerly where it can better distribute over other north-south routes, by-passing both Shrewsbury and Red Bank.

The widening and resurfacing of approximately 1.9 miles of Route 35 will convert the present two and three lane stretch of highway into four lanes continuously between Red Bank and Eatontown. Jughandles controlled by traffic signals will be constructed at each end of the project to handle traffic movements at Shrewsbury Avenue and Newman Springs Road. Other safety features originally contemplated were omitted in deference to local officials.

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Rt. 130-38 Electrical - ADV
Camden & Burlington Counties

Trenton, January 27 - Bids for a single contract covering installation of "coordinated" traffic signal systems on U.S. 130 and Rt. 73 in Burlington and Camden Counties will be received by the New Jersey State Highway Department February 17.

Each system will be integrated with construction of jughandles and other modern improvements now underway on about 13 miles of the two highways.

On U. S. 130 between Levittown and Cinnaminson Township the Department is currently constructing 25 jughandles in the eight mile stretch. Under the proposed electrical contract, traffic signals will be installed at these jughandle locations: Cinnaminson Ave., Highland Ave., Riverton-Moorestown Rd., Wynnwood Drive, Andover Rd., Taylor Lane-New Albany Rd., a "U" turn half way between Taylor Lane and Haines Mill Rd., at Haines Mill Rd., Chester Ave., Fairview St., Dunk's Ferry Rd., Beverly-Rancocas Rd., and Coopertown Rd.

The contract will also call for pedestrian actuated buttons at Cinnaminson Ave., Highland Ave., Riverton Rd., Taylor Lane, Fairview St., and Beverly-Rancocas Rd.

On Route 38 for about five miles in Delaware Township, Camden County, and Maple Shade, Moorestown, and Mt. Laurel Townships, Burlington County, the Highway Department currently has under construction a \$1.6 million project for dualizing the route, complete with jughandles.

This electrical contract will provide traffic signals for the jughandles at: Mt. Laurel Rd., Fellowship Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd., Nixon Drive, Leonola Drive, Rudder Row-Cutler Ave., and Mill Rd.

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Camden & Burlington Counties

Pedestrian buttons will be installed at Mt. Laurel and Pleasant Valley Rd.

In addition to the 21 traffic signal installations, the contract will also call for modern overhead fluorescent highway lighting at each jughandle location.

Both systems will be of the "coordinated" type, that is, they will be so timed to allow motorists to negotiate the entire section of highway at a constant speed without hitting a red light.

A rotating clock mechanism divides time between highway green and crossroad (or cross walk) green into regular segments. For example, the device may be set, in round figures, for 15 seconds of green to the side road and 45 seconds to the highway. In no event will the light turn green to the sideroad until that 15 second interval comes around on the clock. And then, it will not turn green unless the roadbed detector or the pedestrian button has been depressed.

A similar system has been in successful use on the 19 mile stretch of U. S. 1 between Trenton and Jersey Avenue in North Brunswick Township since December.

The Highway Department has available a detailed description of its traffic signal systems and installation procedures.

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Editors note: Attached folder is for your information.

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Chemical Weed Spray
Advanced Release

Trenton, January 27 - Spring is just around the corner as evidenced by the New Jersey State Highway Department's early preparations for this year's roadside weed spray program.

The Department expects to take bids in the next few weeks on contracts for spraying nearly 900 miles of the State Highway system, or double the scope of the 1959 spray program.

Qualified contractors will be bidding on two contracts, one for the northern and one for the southern half of the State.

Areas to be sprayed will include roadsides, center islands, traffic circles, and interchange areas.

Last year's experience with the chemical method of controlling weeds has been very satisfactory and encouraging, a Department spokesman said. The treatments, applied between April 4 and September 1, not only cut mowing time and costs, but also added a more attractive appearance to the highway itself, the spokesman added.

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Pulaski Skyway - Painting
Pre-ADV
Essex and Hudson Counties

Trenton, Feb. 2 - The New Jersey State Highway Department will advertise for bids within the next few weeks painting another 1.2 miles of the Pulaski Skyway in Kearny and Newark, Hudson and Essex Counties.

The section of the Skyway to be painted extends from a point half way between the Passaic and Hackensack River Bridges to the southern end of the structure, and will include painting of the Lockwood Street ramp. The work will complete the over-all Skyway painting project begun last year when three fourths of the 3.5 mile long high-level structure was painted at a cost of \$488,000.

A Highway Department spokesman urged contractors to become qualified for the project, since State law stipulates bids can be accepted only from those who are pre-qualified.

The specifications will call for application of three paint coats to about 31,000 tons of steel in 100 working days. There are to be one brown spot coat, a brown prime coat, and a finish coat of black graphite.

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Route 7

Wittpenn and Belleville Bridges

Fender Repairs - Bids

Bergen, Hudson, and Essex Counties

Trenton, February 3 - A bid of \$43,295.60 by Spearin, Preston, and Burrows Inc. of New York City was the lowest of four received by the New Jersey State Highway Department today for fender repairs on two Route 7 bridges in northern New Jersey.

The northeast and southeast fenders on the Wittpenn Bridge over the Hackensack River in Kearny and Jersey City, Hudson County, are to be removed and restored to their original condition.

The Belleville bridge over the Passaic River in Belleville - Essex County, North Arlington - Bergen County, and Kearny - Hudson County will also be repaired by reconstruction of the fenders on two of the piers.

There will be a minimum of interruption to both water and highway traffic during construction. The Wittpenn Bridge will be open to traffic on its full width at all times. The Belleville bridge's draw span may remain in open position to facilitate driving of new pilings between midnight and 6 a.m. Monday through Friday only. During these periods traffic will be diverted to other suitable roads.

The entire 100% State financed project is to be completed in 40 working days.

Other bidders were: Linde-Griffith Construction Company, Newark, \$55,971.75; Allen N. Spocner and Son, Inc., New York City, New York, \$56,957.00; Ther Wetlesen, Inc., Staten Island, New York, \$63,552.75.

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SERVICE AWARDS

Trenton, Feb. 3 - Forty-four State Highway Department employees were presented service longevity awards today by State Highway Commissioner Dwight R. G. Palmer in ceremonies at the State Highway Department headquarters in Trenton.

Of the total number receiving awards, seventeen presentations were made on the basis of 40 years of State service. Each of the twenty-seven other recipients had 35 years' service.

Awards consisted of service emblems and certificates to the following employees: (See attached sheets)

40 YEAR AWARD

Clarkson Benson	12 Clove Avenue Sussex
Kenneth D. Rice	125 Abernethy Drive Trenton
Harold D. Rice	1220 Maplewood Road Belmar
Ernest J. Birch	9 Francis Avenue Trenton
Anna B. Swink	402 Greenway Avenue Trenton
Frederick L. Gerard	512 Concord Avenue Trenton
Howard B. Davis	357 Ferris Street South Amboy
James E. Kersey	23 Clement Avenue Trenton
Henry S. Stover	6 Altamont Court Morristown
Allen C. Ely	176 Stockton Street Hightstown
Anthony P. Marino	99 Arlington Avenue Paterson
Algernon A. Paul	448 Nelson Avenue Cliffside Park
Laurence C. Petersen	2062 Pennington Road Trenton
Neil MacDougall	190 Millburn Avenue Millburn (Retired)
Austin F. Newman	33 Warren Avenue Roselle Park
A. Russell Geller	825 Stuyvesant Avenue Trenton
Joseph Havran	RD #4, Delsea Drive Vineland

35 YEAR AWARD

Thomas Rossatto	Harding Highway Newfield
Walter Weatherby	274 Hampton Street Bridgeton
Louis Colello	27 Barone Avenue Netcong
Harry R. Hill	503 Ewingville Road Trenton
John Deter	P.O. Box 1113 Point Pleasant Beach
Agnes St. John	678 Rutherford Avenue Trenton
Josephine A. O'Hara	911 Stuyvesant Avenue Trenton
William L. Rogers	113 W. Main Street Freehold
Thomas P. Pierce	300 Manor Avenue Oaklyn
David L. Howell	29 Oak Lane Trenton
Wilson Sharpe	Brace & Kresson Roads Haddonfield
Hugh T. Kinnevy	113 Washington Court Trenton
Robert E. Simon	900 Edgewood Avenue Trenton
Wilbur H. Spencer	89 Ridgewood Avenue Trenton
Charles H. Spence	21 Shephard Place Arlington
John H. Hulse	295 W. Upper Ferry Road Trenton (Retired)
Julius C. Smoliga	559 Walker Avenue Trenton
John H. Stephan	Vannoy Avenue Pennington

35 YEAR AWARD (Continued)

Roger H. Voorhis	Hammonton Road New Gretna
Frank M. VanSyckle	Box #36 Broadway (Warren County)
James M. Chambers	Cape May Court House, R.D. #2
Wesley I. Bates	R.F.D. #1 Cape May Court House
Guy Cavagnaro	177 Garden Road Vineland
Edward Johnson	409 Main Street Toms River
Rea Helbing	610 Blair Street Vineland
John F. Boulden	213 Oliver Avenue Trenton
Voorhees Breece	19 Woodhampton Drive Trenton

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ROUTE 208 BRIDGES

BID DATE REVISED

Bergen and Passaic Counties.

Trenton, Feb. 4 - The New Jersey State Highway Department announced today bids for construction of four interchanges on Route 208 in Franklin Lakes, Hawthorne, and Wyckoff, Bergen and Passaic Counties, have been postponed three weeks.

The original bid date of February 10 was moved back to March 2 in order to give contractors additional time to prepare their bids. A Department spokesman said the change in bid dates should not materially affect completion date of the project.

The interchanges, to be built at Grandview, Cedar Hill, Russell, and Summit Avenues, will carry each of these local streets over the highway on an overpass. Access ramps will permit all vehicular movements between the local streets and Route 208.

All costs of this State Highway Department project will be shared equally by State and Federal Governments.

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ROUTE 35 - Shark River Bridge
Detour Announcement
Monmouth County

Trenton, Feb. 5.- The New Jersey State Highway Department announced today the Route 35 Shark River Bridge in Belmar, Monmouth County, will be closed to traffic beginning Tuesday, February 9, at 8 A.M., to facilitate repairs to the bridge structure.

A contract for the repair project, awarded January 25, stipulates that all work must be completed and the road open to traffic by Memorial Day. However, a Highway Department spokesman said it did not appear the bridge would remain closed for the entire period.

To accommodate through traffic during the construction operations, Southbound Route 35 traffic will be diverted to Route 71 via Sylvania Avenue, and down Route 71 to Seventh Street to be followed back to Route 35. Northbound traffic on Route 35 will take Seventh Street to Route 71, north on Route 71 to Route 33 and west on 33 to Route 35.

According to the spokesman, at the southern end of the structure the earth fill beneath the bridge approaches has shifted slightly causing damage to the southernmost concrete bridge pier.

Highway Department plans call for removing this fill and replacing it with a new 60 foot span resting on prestressed concrete piers and steel sheet pilings. The spokesman added removal of the fill will relieve pressure on the damaged pier.

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ROUTE 35 - Clark River Bridge
New Jersey
Morris County

Trenton, Feb. 5. - The New Jersey State Highway Department announced today the Route 35 Clark River Bridge in Baiter, Morris County, will be closed to traffic beginning Tuesday, February 7, at 8 A.M., to facilitate repairs to the bridge structure.

A contract for the repair project, awarded January 25, stipulates that all work must be completed and the road open to traffic by Memorial Day. However, a Highway Department spokesman said it did not appear the bridge would remain closed for the entire period.

To accommodate through traffic during the construction operations, Southbound Route 35 traffic will be diverted to Route 71 via Sylvania Avenue, and down Route 71 to Seventh Street to be followed back to Route 35. Westbound traffic on Route 35 will take Seventh Street to Route 71, north on Route 71 to Route 35 and west on 35 to Route 35.

According to the spokesman, at the southern end of the structure the earth fill beneath the bridge approaches has shifted slightly causing damage to the southernmost concrete bridge pier.

Highway Department plans call for removing this fill and replacing it with a new 60 foot span resting on prestressed concrete piers and abutment pillars. The spokesman added removal of the fill will relieve pressure on the damaged pier.

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